

of the country who believe that the nomination and election of Theodore Roosevelt gives assurance of uninterrupted prosperity to both labor and capital to unite with us in an earnest effort to effect his nomination.

"We protest against the use of organized political machinery, based on patronage, to deprive the people of any voice as to their real choice." These resolutions and an address to the people, drafted by the Governors, were unanimously adopted. This address declares that momentous political questions are pressing for solution; that the country is seeking justice between man and man; that it wants equality of opportunity, safeguarded by adequate law. "In Roosevelt," it says, "the principle has been man and the cause a leader. It is our opinion that this is the sentiment of a majority of the people of the United States."

**Fight On in New Jersey.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
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## SUDDEN ALLIANCE BRINGS RESULTS

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There is some reason to believe that the purpose of the visit of the War Secretary to Berlin is to discuss the question of the limitation of armaments, as it was pointed out by Sir Edward Grey. In his speech on January 20, that Great Britain's new policy would be largely one of finance. He said on effect that the British public would not sanction an aggressive policy which would mean heavy additional naval and military expenses. This accords with the view of the British ministry, which believes that the most practicable way to reduce the cost of government, and at the same time to lay the foundation for world peace, is to bind the powers to abandon the present tendency to build a navy to the limit of their financial ability. This appears inconsistent with some of the things which Winston Churchill, the first lord of the admiralty, said in his speech at Glasgow on Friday, particularly that the ministry was resolved to maintain British naval supremacy. He declared

however, that Great Britain would be the first to welcome a slackening of naval construction.  
Taking the entire speech of the first lord of the admiralty, in connection with the supposition that Lord Haldane is making overtures to Germany to agree to reduce her armaments, it appears that there is ground for the belief that the minister intended to serve notice through Mr. Churchill that if Germany is not willing to meet England half way in these reductions, the British naval program will go beyond the limits of anything that has heretofore been undertaken. The plans of the naval nations contemplate the construction of 117 dreadnoughts, with the plans of some countries for 1912 not yet announced.  
There is no doubt whatever, as Mr. Churchill pointed out, that "the nations of Europe at the present time are pressing forward into an avenue of almost indefinite naval expansion and expense."

**Efforts in China's Behalf.**  
The efforts of Mr. Knox, the American Secretary of State, to preserve the integrity of China and to induce Germany to act concurrently in Chinese affairs, is regarded as affording the basis of exchanges of pourparlers for the breaking up of that empire, which is threatened by the virtual annexation of Mongolia by Russia, the policy of Great Britain to keep her hands off, and the unwillingness of Japan to interfere with Russia's plans. The expressions of dissatisfaction with the Japanese modification of the Anglo-Japanese alliance, so as to eliminate from the list of possible enemies nations having arbitration treaties with

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Special big easy-to-put-on overcoats for evening wear, \$22.75—instead of \$35.  
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Boys, too.

*W. Berry*

Great Britain, which apparently has been suppressed, has broken out afresh and has been accentuated by the virtual entente between Great Britain and Russia in furtherance of the glad-hand policy of the Asquith ministry. The Anglo-Japanese alliance was specifically intended to prevent the dismemberment of China, but it seems, in view of recent happenings, to have become null and void.  
The only important outcome of Winston Churchill's visit to Belfast appears to be to emphasize the minister's intention to pass the home rule bill at the session of Parliament which begins on February 14. No new light is thrown on the contents of the bill beyond what was given out by Mr. Churchill. While Mr. Churchill did not clear up the question of whether the existing customs will remain in control of the Imperial Parliament or will be transferred to the Irish Parliament, it is significant that the Nation, which is a supporter of the government's cause, interprets the speech as showing that "the complete removal of the excise cannot be in Irish hands, and for this reason, if no other, she will retain a certain number of representatives in the House of Commons."

## 'TROUBLE DOCTOR' TO MAKE ROUNDS

Secretary Knox Will Diagnose Ills of Southern Republics.

Washington, February 10.—Secretary of State Knox is going to visit Mexico and other republics bordering on the Caribbean Sea and the Gulf of Mexico. This announcement, made by President Taft this afternoon, disclosed the plan of the administration for relieving, if possible, the situation in Mexico. It is hoped that the secretary in his visit will be able to make it clear to the government and people of Mexico that the United States does not contemplate intervention in the internal affairs of that republic. The administration regards as one of the most alarming features of the Mexican situation the fact that the people there are suspicious of the intentions of the United States and, therefore, not inclined to be over friendly to Americans now in Mexico. Reservation is made in the announcement of Secretary Knox's tour that a condition may arise in Mexico which might make it inadvisable for him to visit that country. Though it is now planned that the secretary will go to Mexico City, the way will be left open for him to change his plans up to the last moment.  
Even should Mexico eventually be omitted from the itinerary, however, the secretary's trip is expected to develop great significance to this country's diplomatic and commercial relations with the Central American countries. In all of these situations the United States is much interested.

**First Visit of a Secretary.**  
The tour will be the first visit of a Secretary of State to this government to these countries. Secretary Root made a tour of South American countries in 1906, but did not go into Central America, except at Panama.  
His visit is regarded in both South America and the United States as marking an epoch in the relations of the peoples and governments of the two continents, and it is the belief of the administration that Secretary Knox's visit will accomplish as much in the relations between the government and the Central American countries.

Secretary Knox will leave on the United States cruiser Washington from some point in Florida within the next two weeks. His first stop will be at Havana. Thence he will go to Santo Domingo and Hayti, and will probably also stop at Porto Rico, an American possession.

From these island states he will cross the Caribbean to Caracas, Venezuela, and thence to Cartagena, Colombia. From Colombia he will go to Panama, and thence work his way through Central America, stopping at the capitals of the numerous republics lying between Panama and Mexico. It has not been announced who will accompany the secretary, but it is understood the party will be kept down to a minimum.  
The following statement was given out at the White House to-night:  
"The relations of the United States

to the Spanish republics surrounding the Caribbean Sea and the Gulf of Mexico are of the utmost importance to us, in view of our interests and responsibilities in that region."

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**THE WEATHER.**  
Forecast for Virginia—Snow Sunday and probably Monday; high northeast wind.  
For North Carolina—Snow Sunday; Monday generally fair; high northeast, shifting to northwest winds.  
Special Local Data for Yesterday:  
12 noon temperature ..... 32  
3 P. M. temperature ..... 32  
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Local observation 8 P. M. Yesterday:  
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Humidity ..... 70  
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## DAVIS NOT GUILTY OF EMBEZZLEMENT

Former President of Appomattox Trust Company Formally Acquitted.

ONE INDICTMENT REMAINS

Contention of Defense Sustained by Court—Bishop Also Relieved.

Times-Dispatch Bureau.  
5 Bollingbrook Street.  
(Phone 1483.)

Petersburg, Va., February 10. Charles Hall Davis, former president of the Appomattox Trust Company, was formally acquitted this afternoon of all charges of embezzlement of the funds of the bank for which he was indicted, and for which he has been on trial for three days. Only three witnesses, of the many summoned to testify, were put on the stand. The acquittal of Mr. Davis caused the Commonwealth's attorney to enter a nolle prosequi in all the embezzlement charges against Carter R. Bishop, former cashier, jointly indicted with Mr. Davis.

The morning session of the court to-day was consumed in argument on law points with the jury absent. The overruling of the Commonwealth's contention threw the indictment out and ended the case.

**The Crucial Point.**  
The question under discussion when the court adjourned yesterday afternoon deemed a crucial one, and having very important bearings on the case, as it subsequently proved to be, was that raised by George S. Bernard, of counsel for the defense, that Charles Hall Davis, as president of the Appomattox Trust Company, was not entrusted with the possession of the funds of the bank, and therefore could not commit embezzlement. Mr. Davis charged in the indictment with having embezzled funds of the bank entrusted to him as president and director. In his argument yesterday afternoon Mr. Bernard held that the allegations in the indictment had not been sustained by the proof. Mr. Davis, as president, was not entrusted with the possession of the fund of the bank, and was not at any time or in any manner the custodian of the funds of the bank. This point was at once appreciated as an important one, and court adjourned until this morning to give the attorney for the Commonwealth opportunity to produce authorities and decisions on this question and to submit argument.

**Argument Against Contention.**  
Mr. Mann appeared in court this morning abundantly armed with authorities. His argument against the contention of the defense was strong, clear and exhaustive. He covered the whole subject of embezzlement and misapplication of funds, as defined in the United States and State statutes, the fiduciary relations of officers in banks, the duties, powers and liabilities of a president, the meaning of interest and of the control and management of corporations. He contended that to the president, directors and cashier of a bank are confided the affairs of the bank, and that they absolutely control them. It is not necessary to be in the actual management or exclusive possession of funds to commit embezzlement. Mr. Mann spoke for one hour and twenty minutes, covering the whole field of the contention.

Colonel James Mann, of counsel for the defense, replied to the Commonwealth's attorney in the outset he described Mr. Davis's position in the bank. He was president, but received no salary. He handled no money, gave no bond, did not know the combination of the safe, exercised no special control, and his duties were not specially active. He signed certificates of deposits and other papers, he did not sign or countersign the cashier's checks.

**Detailed Reply.**  
Colonel Mann made detailed reply to the Commonwealth's attorney's argument, and held that some bank presidents are entrusted with the funds of the bank, but to commit embezzlement, the president must have actual, physical, manual possession of the funds, and such was absolutely not so in this case. Colonel Mann discussed at length the duties of president and directors of a bank, the duties of the former being those of general supervision, unless special powers are given him by the directors. Mr. Davis never had anything to do with the handling in any way of the funds of the Appomattox Bank.

Embezzlement, misapplication, larceny and abstraction of the funds of a bank, what constitutes each, how and by whom they can be committed were discussed at length.

Colonel Mann declared that if any reasonable doubt existed in the mind of the court as to the status of this case and the construction of the law, the defendant should be given the benefit of that doubt, as a jury would be required to do.

Mr. Davis has committed no crime, and it would be a stigma upon him should he be tried for an offense of which he is innocent, and which it was impossible for him to commit, he declared. During the entire argument, which closed at 1:30 P. M. the jury had been kept from the court room.

**Decision of Judge.**  
Promptly at the conclusion of the argument Judge Mullen rendered his decision, which sustained the contention of the defense and set Mr. Davis free of all charges of embezzlement as contained in the big indictment with its many counts. The court set it had listened very attentively to the discussion of the question at issue that it might come to a proper conclusion. It recognized its duty to the Commonwealth as well as to the defendant, and recognized also the anxiety and the interest felt in the community in the case. The court referred to the relation of the defendant as president to the bank, to the duties of the directors and officers. It held that as president the defendant was not entrusted with or handled the funds of the bank, and that the state statute defining embezzlement does not cover this case. The contention of the Commonwealth was overruled, and that of the defense was sustained; and as far as the charges of embezzlement are concerned, Mr. Davis is free. He was a recipient of many congratulations.

**Bishop Also Released.**  
So far as the embezzlement charges are concerned, the court's decision to-day relieves Mr. Bishop as it does Mr. Davis, as they were jointly indicted. What the law is, and what it ought to be, said the court, are very different things. One indictment remains against Mr. Davis, that of making an alleged false report to the Corporation Commission, and twelve false reports in connection with the alleged embezzlement. All cases against Mr. Bishop have been continued over to the next term of the court.

The big indictment, No. 19, which has just fallen by decision of the court, originally contained 225 counts, against an embezzlement jointly against Davis and Bishop, alternately as principal and accessory. These counts were subsequently reduced to thirty-three charges and 165 counts. Three indictments was the largest ever presented to a jury in Virginia. In weight it balanced four pounds. It was returned at the June term of the court, and has been pending until to-day.

The first indictment in the bank cases were returned by the grand jury in February of last year, and others followed at the March term. Many of them were dismissed on nolle prosequi.

**Acquittal of Mr. Davis.**  
At the conclusion of the argument and the announcement of the decision, the court took a recess until 2 o'clock, at which time the jury was brought in. Commonwealth's Attorney Mann, in a brief statement to the jury, said that at the beginning of the trial, in his opening statement he had outlined what he expected to prove, but under the circumstances as later developed, it was established that the funds of the bank had not been entrusted in such a way that the defendant could be convicted of the charges of embezzlement. The court had ruled against the Commonwealth, the case therefore falls, and there was nothing for him to do but to submit to a verdict of acquittal.

The jury was asked to render a verdict of acquittal of the defendant, Charles Hall Davis, which was done without leaving their seats.

The Commonwealth's attorney thereupon nolle prosequi all the embezzlement charges against Carter R. Bishop, jointly indicted with Mr. Davis.

At the request of the Commonwealth's attorney, Wednesday next was set for the trial of Charles Hall Davis and Carter R. Bishop on the indictment jointly charging them with making an alleged false report of the condition of the Appomattox Bank to the Corporation Commission.

The court, after thanking the jury for their patience and attention, and receiving their thanks for the care and attention shown them, discharged the jury.

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| New Shredded Codfish, 5c; or 6 pkgs.....                                | 25c    | Timothy Hay, per 100 lbs.....  | \$1.35 |
| Good Salt Pork, 9c lb; or 12 lbs. for.....                              | \$1.00 | Wine for jelly, quart.....   | 20c    |
| Large cans Red Seal Lye, regular 10c size, 8c; small size, 6 boxes..... | 25c    | New 1-lb. Cleaned Currants.....  | 11c    |
| Golden Crown Syrup, qt. cans.....                                       | 9c     | Van Camp's Honey, 1-lb. pkg.....                                       | 15c    |
| Grape Nuts or Postum, pkg.....  | 12c    | Argo Brand Best Salmon.....  | 19c    |
| Calumet's Baking Soda, in cans; all sizes, 2's, 4's and 10's, lb. 13c   |        | Good Sugar Corn, can.....  | 7c     |
| Mother's or Quaker's Oats, package.....                                 | 9c     | Cracker Jack, Roasted Coffee, 1-lb. cans, 28c; large cans.....         | 55c    |
| Ceresota or Gold Medal Flour, 42c bag; or, per barrel.....              | \$6.60 | Albemarle Country Cider, gallon.....                                   | 30c    |
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| Small Best Regular Hams, lb. 16c  |        | Good 4-String Broom.....   | 23c    |
| Early June Peas, can.....   | 6c     | 5-lb. pails Home-Made Preserves.....                                   | 35c    |
| Hand-Picked Navy Beans, lb. 6c  |        | Fresh Oyster Cracker and Cracker, Dust.....                            | 6c     |
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